



# Color Vowel Lab Class

**for Blue Canoe learners**

with Karen Taylor

**Color Vowels** in the **real world**:  
Strategies for teaching yourself *spontaneously*

## Today's Question

What can I do in public places instead of using an “open hand,” like in a meeting?



Let's remember what the Open Hand does...

- It marks the **TIME** you need to spend on the stressed syllable

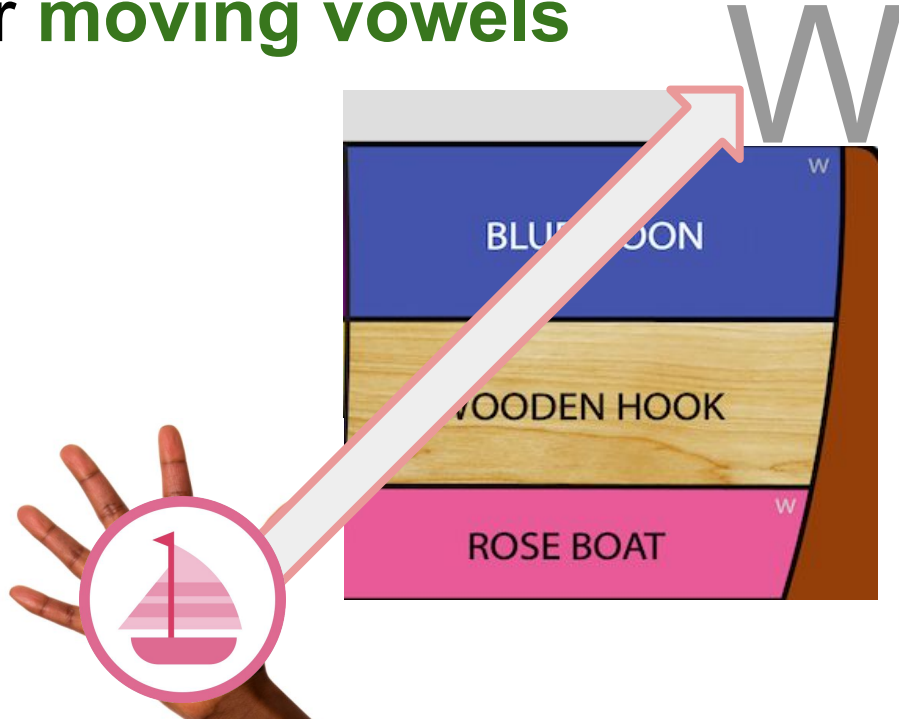


associate (noun)

Let's remember what the Open Hand does...

- It marks the TIME you need to spend on the stressed syllable
- It can help you perform **tricky vowel sounds**

**Move** your hand for **moving vowels**



**associate** (noun)

# But what is the Open Hand, really?

It's a **formalized version** of what English speakers do all the time.

*We'll watch two video clips.*

*What do you see each speaker doing?*



**STOP WISHING**  
**START DOING!**





**"THIS IS  
MY GREATEST ADVICE TO YOU!"**

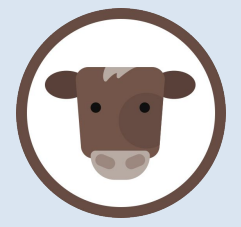
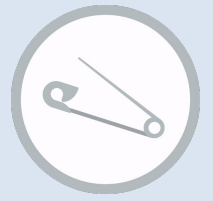
The Open Hand is a simple substitute for

*speech gestures*

**Did you notice?**

- Speech gestures occur **on the stressed syllables!**
- The speaker uses gesture to **reinforce their message.**
- Using gesture is an expected part of speaking English, so **give it a try!**

# Let's finish with a review of the **vowel sounds of English**





*See you next time!*

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